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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: South China/North Vietnam and Sino-Indian Border
Photographic Reconnaissance, 11-17 July 1967

1. The attached report on the subject by the Chairman, Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation (COMIREX), is circulated for the information of the United States Intelligence Board (USIB).

2. It is not contemplated that the attached report will be placed on the USIB agenda unless a USIB Principal so requests prior to the close of business on 24 July 1967. In the absence of such a request it will be considered for record purposes that USIB "noted" the subject report on that date.

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Report to the United States Intelligence Board

by

Chairman, COMIREX

on

South China/North Vietnam and Sino-Indian Border

Photographic Reconnaissance

11 - 17 July 1967

1. The following is a report on photographic coverage of:

a. Priority "Base Line" targets in South China and North Vietnam, as defined by the Board on 3 March 1966^a (paras 2 - 6);

b. North Vietnam to detect the introduction of offensive missile systems^b (paras 7 and 8);

c. Targets in Laos adjacent to the South China border^c (no coverage);

d. Targets in the Sino-Indian Border area^d (no coverage).

South China/North Vietnam - "Base Line"

2. Changes to Priority Targets: No changes were made to the priority list during this period. The total remains targets.

^a USIB-D-41.14/283 (COMOR-D-25/207), 4 March 1966

^b Memo to Holders of USIB-D-41.14/308, (COMOR-D-25/220), 23 May 1967

^c USIB-D-41.14/260 (COMOR-D-25/184), 13 September 1965

^d USIB-D-41.41/276 (COMOR-D-25/201), 19 January 1966

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3. Missions during the Period:

A BLACK SHIELD mission was flown on 13 July and acquired surveillance coverage of four targets in North Vietnam.

According to field reporting, three BLUE SPRINGS missions on 12, 15 and 16 July photographed the Haiphong area. The results of these missions are not yet available.

4. Base Line/Surveillance Coverage: In addition to the coverage of the 13 July BLACK SHIELD mission, a reexamination of the 30 June BLACK SHIELD mission showed surveillance coverage of the Bac Mai and Cat Hi airfields. BLUE TREE missions in previous reporting periods acquired surveillance coverage of three targets in North Vietnam.

5. Tab A: Lists all priority targets and shows the status of Base Line/Surveillance coverage as follows:

Column 2 - Underlining indicates base line or surveillance coverage added since the last report.

Column 4 - Base Line coverage since 1 March 1966, shown by date.

Column 5 - The number of times surveillance coverage has been added to the base line photography.

Column 6 - Date of the most recent base line/surveillance quality coverage.

6. The Map at Tab B: Shows the distribution of ☐ targets illustrating the primary areas for lines of communication by shading. The ☐ targets listed in Tab A which have been covered by base line quality photography since 1 March 1966 are shown by a black dot, the remainder of ☐ by a black circle. Arrows indicate base line/surveillance coverage added during the reporting period.

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North Vietnam - "Offensive Missiles"

7. There has been no report of photographic detection of the introduction of offensive missile systems into North Vietnam during the period.

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Committee on Imagery Requirements
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